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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000678 - Blue Sky Drain - Unit 2, vicinity of Hacienda Heights (4), O Duffy Construction, with changes in the amount of \$2,923.25, and a final amount of \$187,285.39.

Project ID No. FMD0003036 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2002/03 Priority A and B Catch Basins at various locations in Los Angeles County (All), Ron's Maintenance, with changes in the amount of \$1,460.00, and a final contract amount of \$63,088.00.

Project ID No. RDC0010773 - Telegraph Road Under AT&SF Railroad, City of Commerce (1), T. T. Polich & Associates, with changes amounting to a credit of \$72,779.40, and a total contract amount at this time of \$8,194,006.31 (Partial Acceptance).

Project ID No. RDC0013361 - Greenleaf Avenue, et al., vicinity of Santa Fe Springs (1), Sully-Miller Contracting Company, with a final contract amount of \$739,693.15.

Project ID No. RMD1446002 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Road Division 416B - 2002/03, vicinity of Hacienda Heights (4), George Salinas Tree Preservation, with changes in the amount of \$396.00, and a final contract amount of \$56,628.00.

Project ID No. RMD3246023 - Parkway Tree Trimming, Alondra, et al., vicinities of Rosewood, Inglewood, and Carson (2), George Salinas Tree Preservation, with changes in the amount of \$3,710.00, and a final contract amount of \$52,035.00.

Project ID No. WWD2900016 - Sumacridge Booster Station, City of Malibu (3), A. A. Portanova & Sons, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$7,008.00 and a final contract amount of \$192,108.00.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000678, FMD0003036, RDC0010773, RMD1446002, RMD3246023, and WWD2900016.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$72,779.40 to an increase in the amount of \$7,008.00, while the total values of the contracts range from \$52,035.00 to \$8,194,006.31.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000678, BLUE SKY DRAIN - UNIT 2 (in the vicinity of  
Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial District 4

Contractor: O Duffy Construction, 24034 Gunter Road, Romoland, California 92585

Project Description:

Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe storm drain.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$1,083.00)
(2) Overtime Inspection	(393.75)
(3) Additional Manhole	1,250.00
(4) Remove Manhole	<u>3,150.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,923.25</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) The contractor requested 7.5 hours of overtime inspection, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

(3) Due to limited access, an additional manhole was required in order to properly maintain the storm drain. This work was not included in the plans.

(4) The plans call for the removal of a manhole, but no pay item was provided. The contractor is entitled to be compensated for this work.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was stipulated in the contract specifications. The costs for Items 3 and 4 were negotiated in accordance with Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 9, 2002, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$133,459.00
Changes in work previously approved by the Board	50,903.14
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>2,923.25</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$187,285.39</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003036, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2002/03  
PRIORITY A AND B CATCH BASINS (at various locations in Los Angeles County),  
All Supervisorial Districts

Contractor: Ron's Maintenance, 11542 Horley Avenue, Downey, California 90241

Project Description:

Cleaning of approximately 6,000 catch basins at various locations in Los Angeles County.

Change in Work:

Clean additional Catch Basins	\$1,460.00
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Description of Change:

It was necessary to compensate the contractor for additional work required to clean 112 catch basins in the City of Whittier and 193 catch basins in the City of Montebello. The catch basins had not been part of the County's cleanout program since 1997 and had an unusually high volume of debris. Therefore, the contractor was paid an additional amount for each basin to reimburse him for the additional effort required. The Cities will reimburse the County for this work. The cost for this work was negotiated as provided in subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Five additional working days were required because of this change.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on April 1, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$42,000.00
Actual cost of change in work previously approved by the Board	19,628.00
Change in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>1,460.00</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$63,088.00</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0010773, TELEGRAPH ROAD UNDER AT&SF RAILROAD  
(City of Commerce), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: T. T. Polich & Associates, 1822 South Lewis Street, Anaheim,  
California 92805

Project Description:

Construction of retaining walls and a bridge; reconstruction of roadway pavement, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps; and modifications of drainage, traffic signal, and street lighting systems.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$82,713.19)
(2) Furnish and Drive Steel Piles	9,145.09
(3) Repair Existing Bridge Deck	<u>788.70</u>
Total	(\$ <u>72,779.40</u> )

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) Your Board previously approved a change in work to furnish and drive steel piles for the abutments and retaining walls instead of the concrete piles specified in the plans. The cost for this work exceeded the estimate by the amount shown.

(3) Your Board previously approved a change in work to repair the deck of the existing bridge as requested by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. The cost for this work exceeded the estimate by the amount shown.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 were based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.



Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on March 15, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications; however, the contractor failed to comply with the affirmative action reporting requirements of the contract. We are working with the contractor to resolve this issue. In the interim, \$30,000 is being withheld from the value of the contract.

Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for the completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend that the retention be released with the exception of the affirmative action noncompliance withholding discussed above. When this issue is resolved, we will provide your Board with our recommendation for final acceptance of the work of this contract.

Amount Due Contractor at This Time:

Original contract amount	\$7,345,765.95
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	951,019.76
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	(72,779.40)
Withholding for affirmative action noncompliance	<u>(30,000.00)</u>
 AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	 <u>\$8,194,006.31</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013361, GREENLEAF AVENUE, ET AL. (in the vicinity of Santa Fe Springs), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: Sully-Miller Contracting Company, 1100 East Orangethorpe Avenue, Suite 200, Anaheim, California 92801

Project Description:

Reconstruction of roadway pavement, curb, gutter, and sidewalk; construction of curb ramps; modification of existing traffic signals; and root pruning, removal, and planting of parkway trees.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on January 13, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$656,682.40
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	<u>83,010.75</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$739,693.15</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1446002, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, ROAD DIVISION  
416B - 2002/2003 (in the vicinity of Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial District 4

Contractor: George Salinas Tree Preservation, P.O. Box 84, Placentia, California 92871

Project Description:

Trimming of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$396.00
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on March 21, 2002, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$56,232.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>396.00</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$56,628.00</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD3246023, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, ALONDRA, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Rosewood, Inglewood, and Carson), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: George Salinas Tree Preservation, 419 West Chapman, Unit C, Placentia, California 92870

Project Description:

Trimming of parkway trees.

Change in Work:

Additional Tree Trimming and Removal	\$3,710.00
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Description of Change:

It was necessary to trim or remove 86 additional trees. This work was not shown on the plans. A portion of the cost for this work was based on contract unit prices. The balance of the cost for this work was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Ten additional working days were required because of this change.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on March 13, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$48,325.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>3,710.00</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$52,035.00</u></b>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. WWD2900016, SUMACRIDGE BOOSTER STATION (City of Malibu), Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: A. A. Portanova & Sons, Inc., P.O. Box 730, Agoura Hills, California 91301-0730

Project Description:

Construction of booster pumping facilities including piping and appurtenances.

Changes in Work:

(1) Install Barrier Posts and Concrete Curb	\$2,050.00
(2) Paint Water Tank	3,750.00
(3) Modify Manifold	<u>1,208.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,008.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) It was necessary to provide perimeter protection consisting of steel barrier posts and concrete curb prior to installing a transformer. This work was not shown on the plans.

(2) It was necessary to paint the portion of a water tank that is visible from Sumacridge Road. This work was not shown on the plans.

(3) In order to properly fit a manifold to the new pump station, it was necessary to remove and replace portions of the manifold connector pipe. This work was not shown on the plans.

The costs for Items 1 and 2 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 3 was based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$185,100.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>7,008.00</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$192,108.00</u>

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